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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

PASS TO NSF, DIVISIOON OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, ATTENTION
DEBORAH WINCE

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TAGS: TPHY, OSCI, PL
SUBJ: NSF/SFCP: PROPOSED PROJECT WITH MINISTRY OF POWZR AND ATOMIC
ENERGY: "THEORETICAL STUDY OF NUCLEAR MATTER AND NUCLEAR
STRUCTURE"

1. POLISH AND US CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTPGATORS (DABROWSKI/
SZYMANSKI AND KOHLER/BARRETT), TOGETHER WITH PROFESSOR
RACZKA (INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH), CALLED AT THE EMBASSY
JULY 12 TO DISCUSS HOW TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS
RESEARCH PROJECT TO BE FINANCED WHOLLY FROM THE POLISH
CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT FUND.

2. SCICOUNS REVIEWED THE HELPFUL ADVICE CONTAINED IN
MS. WINCE'S LETTER OF MAY 20 TO DABROWSKI. HOWEVER, ONE
QUESTION THAT EMERGED WAS THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE 5-YEAR
DURATION FOR THE PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL
AND THE REFERENCES IN NSF COMMUNICATIONS FROM ZALAR
(ENCLOSURE TO LETTER OF JULY 13, 1977 TO PETRUS) AND
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WINCE (TELEX OF NOVEMBER 11, 1977 TO LUCZKIEWICZ) WHICH
LIST THE DURATION AT 3 YEARS BUT RETAIN THE ORIGINAL TOTAL
BUDGET FIGURE FOR 5 YEARS. THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO SHORTEN THE DURATION
OF THE PROJECT, AND OF COURSE THE BUDGET AND PROBABLY THE
WORK DESCRIPTION WOULD THEN REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE ADJUSTMENT.
WE ALSO NOTE THAT ARTICLE 8 OF THE JOINT FUND AGREEMENT OF

1974 PROVIDES THAT EXPIRATION OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL NOT AFFECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE UNDER IT. WE WONDER THEREFORE WHETHER THE NSF REFERENCES TO A 3-YEAR DURATION WERE SIMPLY TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

3. ANOTHER QUESTION AROSE FROM THE FACT THAT PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE UNIFORM COVER SHEET REFERS TO POSSIBLE ATTACHMENTS SETTING FORTH THE STANDING PRACTICE OF THE COORDINATING INSTITUTIONS. THE POLES NEED TO KNOW WHETHER NSF INTENDS TO ATTACH ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS AND, IF SO, WHEN COPIES MAY BE EXPECTED.

4. RACZKA INDICATED THAT HIS MINISTRY IS ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS PROJECT AS WELL AS THE TWO THAT ARE TO BE JOINTLY FINANCED. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE EARLY ARRIVAL OF THE PROMISED LETTER FROM NSF CONCERNING RELATED PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR JOINT FINANCING.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE POLES TO MOVE AHEAD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE ON NEW PROJECTS UTILIZING THE POLISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT FUND. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE QUESTIONS OF PROJECT DURATION AND POSSIBLE ATTACHMENTS, TO ENABLE THE POLES TO COMPLETE THEIR PREPARATION OF THE UNIFORM COVER SHEET.
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